



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held January 22, 2026

Present: Dean Kosteas, Associate Dean Jenkins, Professors Heath, Rickett, Voight, Sun, Kumar, Severson, Heus, Munther, Baumgartner, DeBoth Foust, and Marino

Guests: Douglas Wajda, Sebastian Brockhaus

Dean Kosteas called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Introductions - None
2. Approve Agenda – **Approved with edit = remove Proposal (ii) Course Deactivations – School of Urban Affairs per request of Director, School of Urban Affairs Dr. Lu**
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. December 3, 2025 – **The minutes were approved**
4. New Business
 - a. MCC/Curriculum proposals
 - **Course Deactivation to Align to Program Changes in Special Education Effective Fall 26 - School of Education and Counseling - Ad Hoc Proposal**
 - Deactivate the following courses: ESE 341, ESE 342, ESE 351, ESE 361, ESE 362, ESE 371, ESE 461, ESE462, ESE471, ESE472, EST 577, EST 578, EST 588
 - **Approved**
 - **Exercise Science, MS - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Change**
 - Change minimum required credit hours from 34 to 32 hours for program completion.
 - Substitute EXS 572 Physiology of Aging for EXS 672 Lab Techniques in Exercise Science in the program core.
 - Add approved electives to the curriculum.
 - Add HED 601 as an option to take instead of EXS 601 in the Core
 - Add HSC 505 as an option in the Core and move HED 588 to Electives
 - Change Degree from M.Ed. to M.S.
 - **Approved**
 - **Social Work, MSW - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Change**
 - Eliminating the requirement of: "All advanced standing applicants will be required to include their field evaluations from both required undergraduate practicums. For those admitted students who are continuing directly from a BSW program to the MSW program, admission will be considered pending until they successfully complete field and their final field evaluation is received." Below is



the text for the MSW Advanced Standing admission requirements per the Graduate catalog; (underlined) needs to be deleted.

- Required Materials for Advanced Standing Program Admission
 - a. Two references will be required. At a minimum, one of the references must be the student's professor, field supervisor, work supervisor, or academic advisor. One reference may come from a supervisor of a social work-related volunteer activity, including a social work-related volunteer activity performed in a religious setting. Family members may not be used as a reference. In lieu of a traditional letter of reference, references should complete the MSW Program Reference Form available.
 - b. A writing sample. An essay of three to five typed pages (1.5 spacing) addressing:
 - i. Describe how you experience/see changes in society and in your own life in relation to the social work profession?
 - ii. Are there any ways in which you would expand your own framework or experiences working in the social work profession?
 - iii. How would you use an empowerment approach as a future social worker?
 - iv. Describe previous social work/human services experience professionally, as a volunteer or student/intern.
- All advanced standing applicants will be required to include their field evaluations from both required undergraduate practicums. For those admitted students who are continuing directly from a BSW program to the MSW program, admission will be considered pending until they successfully complete field and their final field evaluation is received. (to be deleted)
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended. Students who apply before completing their bachelor degree must submit evidence of degree completion before beginning the MSW program.
- Link to this in the grad catalog:
https://catalog.csuohio.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=47&poid=13024&hl=%22MSW%22&returnto=search
- **Approved**
- **MBA: Admission Requirement Updates ONLY - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Alteration (no curricular content)**
 - The existing admissions requirements are unnecessarily complicated and redundant with College of Graduate Studies admissions requirements. We seek to resolve this issue with this proposal. There are two relevant factors for admission (beyond the requirements from the College of Graduate Studies) which are a minimum GPA and having an undergraduate degree. Therefore, we propose simplifying the admissions language to the following:



- Applicants must meet the following admission requirements:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or better
 - b. Four-year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in any discipline from an accredited university.
- **Approved**
- **MHRM: Admission Requirement Updates ONLY - Management - 1140 - Fall 25 - Program Alteration (no curricular content)**
 - The goal of this proposal is to update the Master of Human Resource Management admission requirements by removing the GMAT/GRE requirement, which is consistent with other graduate programs in the College of Business that do not require a GMAT/GRE such as the Master of Business Administration (MBA). The new requirements would be listed as follows:
 - Applicants must meet the admission requirements:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or better
 - b. Four-year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in any discipline from an accredited university.
 - **Approved**
- **Nursing, MSN - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Change**
 - The 'Population Health: Special Populations' track of the MSN degree will temporarily suspend admissions.
 - **Approved**
- b. Courses in MCC/Curriculog for approval
 - **Conditionally Approved: ACT 555, ACT 565, ACT 585, ACT 634, ACT 639, CHE 581, PHY 570, PHY 575, SWK 553**
 - **Approved: CHM 507, EDB 702, NUR 606, PHY 515, SWK 615, SWK 627, UST 519, UST 519, UST 520, UST 577, UST 585, UST 586, UST 611**
 - **No Action: MKT 896**

5. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees --- Available reports

- a. Faculty Senate
- b. University Admissions & Standards - GC representative needed
- c. University Curriculum Committee
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
- e. Petitions Committee
- f. Grade Dispute Committee
- g. Program Review Committee
- h. University Research Council Committee
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee



6. Discussion/action items

- a. Leave of Absence Policy (items attached)
- b. Accelerated Master's Policy (see attached)
 - What is the CH requirement – varies among different programs
 - Freshman admit – 60 CH threshold to check progress

7. Updates/Announcements

8. Items for future discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

All materials for review before the meeting are available on the University Curriculog web site for access by Council Members. (<https://csuohio.curriculog.com/proposals>)